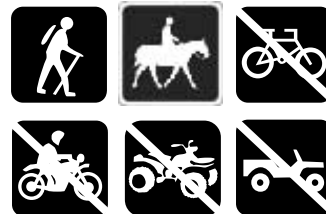




# Flathead National Forest

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## Crystal Lake Trail #351 from the South

Distance: This trail is 4.4 miles long to the Crystal Lake.

Difficulty: Moderate

USGS Quad: Lake Marshall and Gray Wolf

Beginning Elevation: 5,080 ft

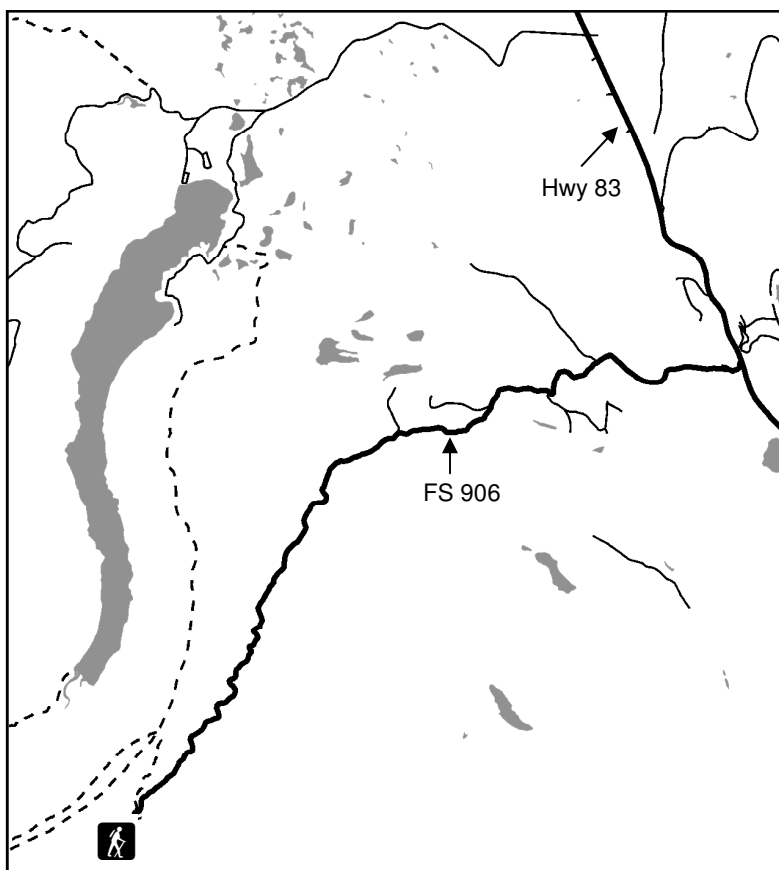
Ending Elevation: 4,805 ft

Directions: From Highway 83, turn west onto Forest Service Road #906 near mile marker 31, just before the cell phone turnout site with the Lolo National Forest sign. Continue up this road for 7.4 miles to the Crystal Lake Trailhead South, located on the right.

Season: Trail usually clear of blowdown and snow by mid-June.

Regulations: This trail is in the Mission Mountains Wilderness which allows both hiking and horse riding, but prohibits motorized vehicles and mechanized transport which includes mountain bikes.

Trail Description: Go straight at a trail junction  $\frac{3}{4}$  mile above the trailhead. The trail then loses elevation from that junction to Crystal Lake. The elevation loss is mostly gradual, but there is one stretch of trail that is steep and hard on the knees. Views are limited on this trail as it drops through dense fir and spruce forest types. There is a river crossing  $\frac{3}{4}$  mile before Crystal Lake. There is a walk-log over the river, but the crossing is potentially dangerous during high water. At Crystal Lake, due to swift currents and high water at the outlet, it is extremely dangerous to cross to the north side until late summer. This is the access recommended for stock users trying to reach Crystal Lake.

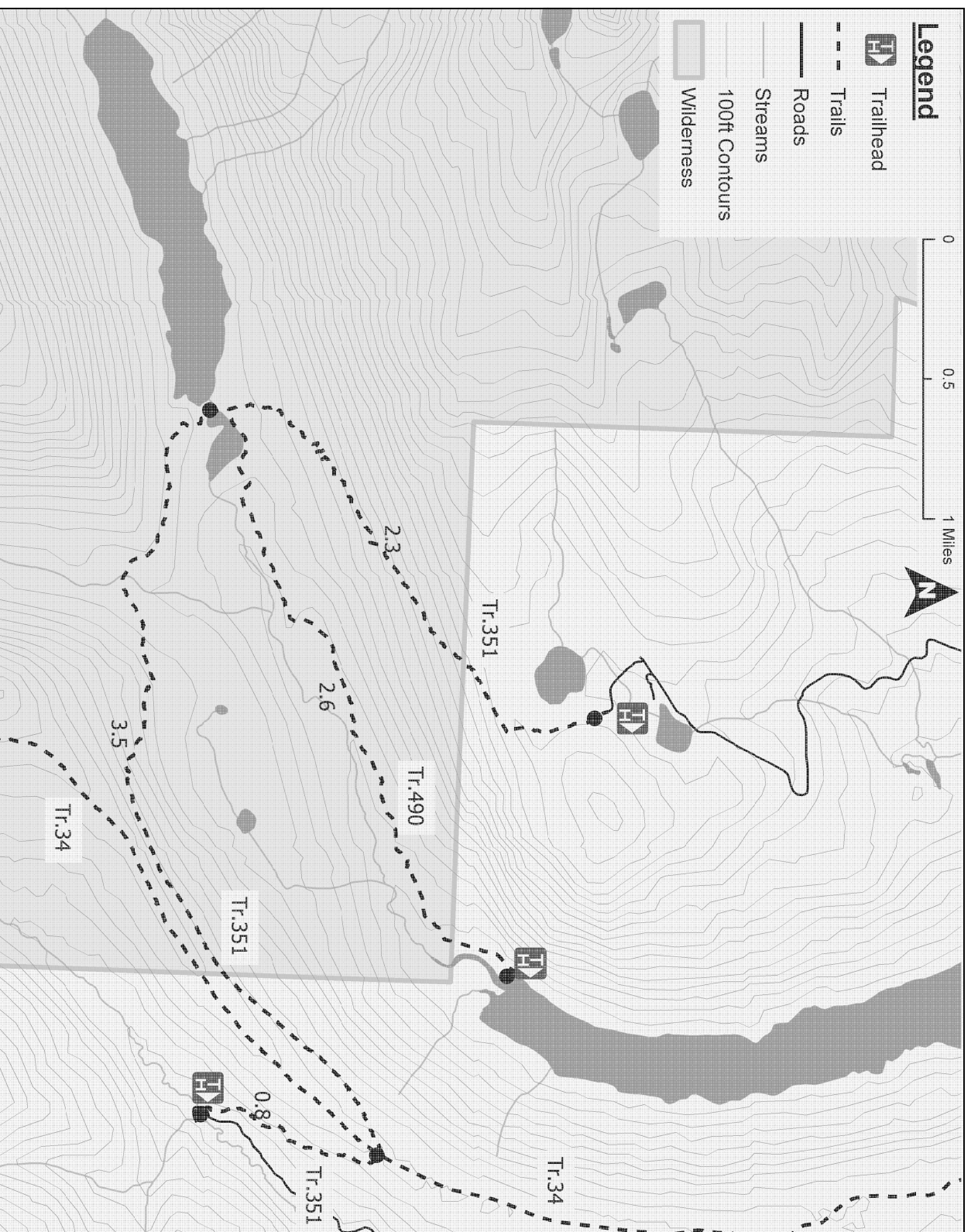


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